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SUBJECT: REPORTED ABDUCTION OF AFGHAN JEWISH GIRL

REF: STATE 016446

1. CONSUL RAISED PROBLEM POSED BY REFTTEL WITH A LEADER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY DURING VISA INTERVIEW JANJARY 25. GENERAL QUESTIONS OF AFGHAN HARRASSMENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY ELICITED NO ADVERSE RESPONSE, AND INTERVIEWEE VOLUNTEERED EXAMPLES OF GOA COOPERATION, INCLUDING THAT OF GOA PROVIDING GUARDS FOR KABUL SYNAGOGUE AND JEWISH RESIDENCES DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ABDUCTION OR FORCED CONVERSION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INTERVIEWEE REFERRED TO NIAZ CASE. HE STATED SUBJECT HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH MOSLEM MAN AND HAD VOLUNTARILY CONVERTED TO ISLAM TO WED. FYI IN AFGHANISTAN WOMEN REQUIRED TO ADOPT HUSBAND'S RELIGIOUS FAITH AND NATIONALITY ON OR PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, A SITUATION OFTEN VEXING TO AMCITIZEN WIVES OF AFGHANS END FYI.

SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY HAS RECONSIDERED, BUT BEING KEPT AT HUSBAND'S HOUSE AND UNABLE TO RETURN TO PARENTS. UNDER TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC LAW, WIFE IN EFFECT BECOMES PROPERTY OF HER HUSBAND.

3. INFORMANT TOLD CONSUL HE ASKED BY GIRL'S PARENTS TO
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INTERCEDE, BUT HE DETERMINED NOTHING POSITIVE COULD BE

DONE AS CONVERSION AND MARRIAGE APPARENTLY LEGAL. HE STATED
ONLY SIMILAR CASE HAD OCCURRED ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO.
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